

but I guess we shall make  
a live of it - at any rate  
I mean to as long as the  
potatoes & Onions last  
I hope that the reports that  
Sill & Odellton are all right -  
will prove true I shall hear  
something about it when Sill  
gets back he is here on a furlough  
& his time is about up I believe  
he will know all about it - if they  
have had a telegram to that effect -

Our second Lieut left the other  
day for a 15 day skedaddle he  
likes in Scottsville I wish you  
could see him but he will probably  
be about starting for Battery G  
by the time you get this his name  
is Fred Deitz a first-rate  
fellow. But I will close hoping  
to hear from you soon  
I remain as ever! Yours brother.

Yours  
To R. S. Chopin

Camp Mainwright, Va.  
Sunday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

Well Rob guess of the 13<sup>th</sup>  
instant I received his  
morning while I was making  
a change for inspection  
& gladly received I am  
well as usual & hope this  
will find you all enjoying  
a fair degree of health.

But I cant make it  
seem possible that Will  
is dead it is so short  
a time since he was  
here with me sitting  
right where I am now  
seated & we were singing  
Oh: wrap the flag around  
him boys: Go die were  
for more sweet - With  
freedom's glory <sup>& emblem</sup> ~~banner~~ boys.  
Go be my winding sheet.